AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1, lines 13-20, of the specification, as originally filed, with the following paragraph:

This invention is related to U.S. Patent Application No. [[   ]] 10/698,168 (Attorney Docket No. ~~SUNIP753/40313~~ 20910/0206211-US0), filed on the same day as this patent application, naming Tripathi et al. as inventors, and entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COORDINATING PROCESSING OF NETWORK CONNECTIONS BETWEEN A SOFTWARE NETWORK PROTOCOL STACK AND A NETWORK INTERFACE CARD." That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1, lines 21-27, of the specification, as originally filed, with the following paragraph:

This invention is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. [[   ]] 10/698,688 (Attorney Docket No. ~~SUNIP752/40319~~ 20910/0206212-US0), filed on the same day as this patent application, naming Tripathi et al. as inventors, and entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERING FROM A FAILED NETWORK INTERFACE CARD." That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes